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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3755th meeting of the Security Council, held on 21 March 1997 in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Angola", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1997 (S/1997/239) and once again expresses its deep concern that the Government of Unity and National Reconciliation (GURN) has not yet been established, owing primarily to the failure of the Uniao Nacional para a Independencia Total de Angola (UNITA) to send all of its officials to Luanda as previously agreed. The Council reminds UNITA of its obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Lusaka Protocol (S/1994/1441, annex) and subsequent agreements between the two parties.

"The Security Council expresses its full support for the Secretary-General in his mission to Angola to assess the situation and impress upon the parties the need to establish the GURN without any further delay. It calls upon the parties, in particular UNITA, to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General, his Special Representative, and the Observer States and to use the occasion of the Secretary-General's visit to install the GURN.

"The Security Council remains actively seized of the matter and recalls that, in accordance with resolution 1098 (1997) of 27 February 1997, it will consider the imposition of measures, including, inter alia, those specifically mentioned in paragraph 26 of resolution 864 (1993) of 15 September 1993, against the party responsible for the failure to form the GURN. The Council, following the next report of the Secretary-General, will also consider the role of the United Nations in Angola after the expiration of the current mandate of UNAVEM III on 31 March 1997 on the basis of the progress made by the parties to full implementation of their commitments under the 'Acordos de Paz' (S/22609, annex) and the Lusaka Protocol (S/1994/1441, annex) as well as their obligations under the relevant Security Council resolutions."

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